

FILE STRUCTURE FOR STORING CONTENT OBJECTS IN A DATA REPOSITORY

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ABSTRACT

A data structure and method are provided for storing a content object stored (e.g., a custom compilation or prepublished work) as a group of hierarchically related content entities. Each content entity is contained in a separate file object. An attribute file object corresponding to each content entity file object contains attributes pertaining to that entity. A list or outline containing container and noncontainer identifiers defines the content, order and structure of the content object. This list or outline is stored as a separate file object (e.g., a CBO or the PSF file of a prepublished work).

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